

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief, mailed July 17, 2006, Applicants request continued examination of their above-identified patent application under 37 CFR 1.114 by (1) the filing of the enclosed submission comprising (i) a copy of the Amendment mailed June 21, 2006 in response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2006 and (ii) a Supplemental Amendment dated August 2, 2006 responding to the 3. NOTE included in the Advisory Action of July 17, 2006, and (2) payment of the enclosed fee of \$395.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114, Applicants request that the finality of the February 21, 2006 Office Action be withdrawn and that the submission be entered and considered.

Respectively submitted,



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